Improvement in power generation

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister has decided to inquire into lower power targets as was mentioned in the President's address to the Parliament;

(b) if so, whether capacity target has been fixed at 90,000 mw in the Eleventh Five Year Plan against 13,000 MW mentioned in the address;

(c) whether the Minister has sought revised allocation for power;

(d) whether Government is also considering to implement a programme in this regard;

(e) whether World Bank has also agreed to provide $ 180 million loan to India for renovation and modernization of old, inefficient and polluting coal-fired power plants; and

(f) if so, to what extent these measures have helped in improving power generation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The capacity addition target fixed by the Planning Commission for the 11th Five Year Plan is 78,700 MW. Hon'ble President in her address to the Joint Session of the Parliament on 4th June, 2009 had mentioned that efforts should be made to add at least 13,000 MW of Generating Capacity each year through a mix of sources, *i.e.*, coal, hydro, nuclear & renewables.

(c) & (d) New generation capacity addition projects are executed by Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs), State Utilities and Private Sector companies. CPSUs meet their fund requirements mostly through Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR). However, the Ministry of Power had sought allocation of Rs.644.80 crore and Rs.50 crore for National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd. (NHPC) and North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd. (NEEPCO) against which Planning Commission has allocated Rs.185 crore and Rs.50 crore respectively for the Annual Plan 2009-10.

(e) The World Bank has approved a loan of US $ 180 Million and a Global Environment Facility (GEF) Grant equivalent to US$ 45.4 Million for the coal fired Generation Rehabilitation Project in India. The loan amount is to be used for efficiency enhancing Renovation & Modernization (R&M) works in Bandel TPS Unit-5 (210 MW) of West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd, Koradi TPS Unit-6 (210 MW) of Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Ltd and Panipat TPS Unit-3&4 (2x110 MW) of Haryana Power Generation Company Ltd.

(f) The R&M of three select thermal power plants is scheduled for completion by 2013-14 and therefore benefits on account of these projects would be available only after completion.